

**12-YEAR-OLD BOY RICHARDSON TO
KILLS COMPANION HEAD NEW PLANT**

Marshall Ward Alderman Would Be Superintendent of Municipal Station.

WHAT PROJECT HAS COST

Appropriations Aggregate \$422,000, and Fees to Engineer Trafford \$19,450.

"I expect to be a candidate for the position of superintendent of the new municipal electric plant when the proper time comes," said Alderman E. Douglas Richardson last night. "I have had some assurances of support from my friends, and if my present plans work out I will probably resign from the Council next spring, so as to become eligible for the position."

Mr. Richardson is at present chairman of the Council Committee on Electric Utilities.

the construction of the new plant. He has served two terms in the Common

Mr. Richardson explained last night that existing contracts for street lighting with the Virginia Railway and Power Company expire on June 30 next, and that it is the expectation of the Board of Electricity and of the Committee on Electricity and of Consulting Engineer Trudell, who is immediately in charge of the construction of the plant, to have it in working order July 1 next, to take up the lighting of the city when the present contract expires.

thus demonstrate the value of his promises to the taxpayers and the Council as to what the future is.

Mr. Trafford will be designated to operate the plant for the first year from July 1, 1910. In that case Mr. Richardson will resign from the Board of Aldermen in June so as to be eligible for election as superintendent a year from that time, and take charge on Mr. Trafford's relinquishing the work to return to active constructive engineering.

In that connection attention is called

a citizen of Richmond, and so would not be eligible for election under existing ordinances or a permanent city

office, such as is proposed in the creation of the office of superintendent of the plant. Mr. Richardson is a practical electrician, and is at present the head of a firm of electrical contractors operating in this city.

Already there is gossip as to Mr. Richardson's successor in the Board for the unexpired term of over two years. Councilman Charles E. Richard,

vanced to the upper branch, Milton
L. Solph and former Councilman John

The estimated cost of the electric plant up to this time, including the water works, is \$1,200,000. The electric power, is \$122,000. The original estimate was \$350,000, provided by a bond issue passed over the veto of the Mayor in June, 1902. At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen on June 10, 1903, the bond issue was under debate. Mr. Trafford, in favor of the privilege of the floor, and stated that the plant would cost less than his first estimates, the work in the river being less expensive than he had given out. He stated at that time that besides the water works, the city would need, for water pumping,

of \$36 a year, of the same candlepower for which the city is paying the elec

The bond issue of \$350,000 was divided, \$100,000 being set apart to the credit of the Water Committee for installation of the electrically driven pumps and the balance of \$250,000 being placed to the credit of the Committee on Electricity for the construction of the powerhouses.

There was an original appropriation of \$5,000 to Mr. Trafford for preliminary plans, and a further payment of \$1,000 to Peasey and Weller, engineers, for the design of the plans. In addition, the Finance Committee has during the past week, on recomen-

that plans, or else the plant is costing more than was expected when the bond issue was authorized.

Trafford's Fees \$19,450.
In addition to the \$6,000 paid by the Council for the original plans and surveys, and a fee of \$1,000 for supervising the award of contracts for the electric fittings, Mr. Trafford has been retained both by the Water and Electricity Committees as supervising engineer, at 3 per cent. of the cost of construction.

The \$65,000 supplemental appropriation for his fee for supervision will amount to in the aggregate—if no further extras are added—\$12,450, to which is to be added the \$7,000 already paid for plans and supervision of award of contracts, making engineering fees to Mr. Trafford total \$19,450. The commissions come out of the bond issue but the fee for plans was provided

poration to date, providing the present recommendation of the Finance Committee is adopted, \$122,000. A resolution has been adopted giving the Electricity Committee authority to employ watchmen and inspectors; to alter and amend the existing contracts and to make new contracts for construction, within the amount appropriated; to extend contracts amounting to about \$3,000 having been ordered by the committee at its last meeting.

The pumps to be driven by electric power, erected under supervision of the Water Committee, are in place.

and have been tested.

Virginians at the Hotels

Jefferson—Hammond Johnson, Norfolk;
Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Rier, Norfolk; Thomas
M. Garthright, Covington; Thomas B. Scott,
Durkeville.
Lexington—E. M. Sweeney, Lee; W. S.

and wife, Norfolk; E. E. Cook, Arvonla; T. C. Batton, Danville; H. G. Rowen, Provi-

Richmond-James L. White, Abingdon
Miss Vlake, Albemarle; W. E. Elliott, Blacks-
burg; Miss Julia W. Stebbins, Miss Annie L.
Hankins, A. S. Burksdale, Houston; A. C.
Wood, Washington.
Murphy-W. H. Jeffreys, Jr., Chase City
and W. F. Flannagan, Louisa; William and
Mary football team, Williamsburg; T. D.
Berry, Bedford; L. C. Brockman, Orange; J.
F. Lawson and wife, South Boston; G. R.
Frust and wife, Houston; C. B. Hewitt,
Norfolk; R. G. Spratley, Petersburg; Mrs.
D. W. Head, Lynchburg; J. A. Hindey,
Norfolk; R. C. James, Lynchburg.

John Young and Alfred Matthews (colored) were arrested yesterday as suspicious characters. Both are suspected of having

committed (arrested).